

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 as amended in the Request for Continued Examination filed July 8, 2009 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose either singly or in combination the claimed actuator and containment device for a syringe wherein the device comprises a hollow body, a spring, and a plunger, wherein the hollow body has internal latching formations which retain the syringe barrel, and the plunger has latch opening formations to disengage the latching formations of the body, and wherein the plunger has, separate from the latch opening formations, deflectable edge members and the hollow body further has internal deflector means to deflect the deflectable edge members.
3. The closest prior art of record is Jeffrey (USPN 5,957,897), however this reference does not disclose the device as claimed or described above.
4. Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach among all the limitations or render obvious the limitation of a containment device having internal deflector means for deflecting deflectable edge members which are separate from latching formations for retaining a syringe barrel.
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VICTORIA P. CAMPBELL whose telephone number is (571)270-5035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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